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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. At about 2 p.m. on 10 January, 8 trucks [redacted] each towing a 76.2-mm AT gun, 6 trucks, each towing a mortar of about 120 mm, and trucks [redacted] each towing a field kitchen left the military quarters northwest of Vogelsang. At about 4:30 p.m. on the same day, about 10 tanks were seen leaving the installation toward Zahdenick. At about 11 a.m. on three days between 10 and 16 January, the noise of tanks moving toward Grunewald-Storkow was heard for about one and a half hour from the direction of the troop quarters northwest of Vogelsang.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
2. Between 9 and 10 a.m. on 11 January, a convoy of numerous trucks towing 23 x 57-mm AT guns moved along the Magdeburg-Wedringen road. 25X1
3. At 9:25 a.m. on 20 January, a column of armored personnel carriers [redacted] and not less than 50 trucks including 4 towing 160-mm mortars passed through Falkensee from the direction of Schoenwalde and proceeded toward Dallgow. [redacted] The personnel carriers and trucks carried troops with red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1
4. At about noon on 18 January, a column of numerous large tanks moved toward Potsdam from the direction of Schoenwalde. 25X1
5. After 14 January, intensive traffic of columns was observed on the Schoenwalde-Dallgow road at day, and especially, at night. The noise of tank chains was also frequently heard. 25X1
6. At about 6 p.m. on 14 January, a train of an undetermined number of flatcars with 34 trucks and 12 x 85-mm AT guns on and 11 boxcars or converted boxcars with about 150 soldiers was seen at Dallgow railroad station. The unit had apparently been loaded there. 25X1
7. At about 5 a.m. on 13 January, numerous trucks with troops and towing guns including AT guns, howitzers and AAA guns were lined up on Highway No 103 and at the beginning of Dallgow Weg, [redacted]. Shortly after 5 a.m., the vehicles and weapons started moving toward Doberitz village along the Dallgow Weg. 25X1

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8. Between 5 and 10 January, 11 hearths were installed in several quarters in the Alte Lager in Doeberitz. Soviet families were billeted there. Several other hearths were established in the officers' billets on Highway No 103 and in EM quarters in the camp area. It was said that some changes of quarters had been made in Altes Lager.

9. The following loadings of troops and materiel from the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne in Brandenburg were handled at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station.

Between 9 and 11 a.m. on 19 January: 2 x 203-mm howitzers, prime movers [redacted] 4 trucks towing 122-mm howitzers, 14 trucks [redacted] 3 trucks with van-like superstructure, a trailer, 1 jeep and 1 field kitchen on 25 flatcars and 100 to 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia on 9 converted boxcars and 2 boxcars. The shipment left toward Altengrabow at 2 p.m.

At 11:30 a.m. on 19 January: 2 x 203 howitzers, 6 prime movers [redacted] 4 trucks towing 122-mm howitzers, 20 trucks including 4 with van-like superstructure and 1 with a field kitchen [redacted] and 1 ambulance on 25 flatcars, 9 converted boxcars and 2 boxcars. The shipment left toward Altengrabow at 5:40 p.m. 5

10. In addition to the 85-mm AT guns previously seen in the Flak Kaserne in Brandenburg, 57-mm and 76.2-mm AT guns were seen there.

11. [redacted] soldiers from the Flak Kaserne in Brandenburg will be transferred to Potsdam.

1. Comment. It is believed that units of the 25th Tank Div conducted exercises or practiced firing, at Templin troop training grounds from 10 to 16 January.

2. Comment. [redacted] the AT gun column belonged to the Third Shock Army, and presumably went to Letzling Heath for firing practice.

3. Comment. The motor vehicle [redacted] probably belong to the 1st Mecz Div whose units apparently conducted exercises in the area north of Doeberitz from 13 to 20 January.

4. Comment. Probably, one of the trains [redacted] carried units of the 2d Light Arty Brig to Jueterbog on 14 and 15 January. Report furnishes another confirmation as to the existence with the brigade of 85-mm AT guns.

5. Comment. These loading of units of the 124th Hv How Arty Brig [redacted] for shipment to Altengrabow were previously confirmed.

6. Comment. For information on 85-mm AT guns assigned to the 20th Army AT Arty Brig [redacted]

7. Comment. Report refers to the 299th Gds Mort Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div from the Infanterie Kaserne (2002) which was transferred to the Kriegsschule (2288) in Potsdam between 14 and 16 January.

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